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**Call for Nominations: Pan-Africa Youth Leadership Program (PAYLP)**

The program supports long-range U.S. foreign policy priorities by offering secondary school youth (ages 15-18) and adult educators the opportunity to explore themes such as entrepreneurship, civic education, youth leadership, economic development, and respect for diversity.

Through three-week, intensive exchanges in the United States, participants engage in workshops on leadership and service, community site visits related to the program themes and subthemes, interactive training in conflict resolution, presentations, visits to high schools, local cultural activities, and homestays with local American families.

A key component of the program is for participants to develop follow-on community-based projects in their home communities to effect positive change after their return home.

**Tentative Exchange Dates:**

- A. April 8-29, 2017: Anglophone exchange
- B. July 8-29, 2017: Anglophone exchange

The youth participants should be high school students aged between 15 to 18 years at the start of the exchange who have demonstrated leadership potential through academic work, community involvement, and extracurricular activities. Participants must have strong English skills.

**Youth candidate for this program will:**

- A. be a high school student who is 15, 16, 17, or 18 years of age by the start of the exchange;
- B. Be proficient in English;
- D. Attend at least one semester of high school in his/her home country following completion of the program;
- E. Indicate a serious interest in learning about the United States;
- F. Demonstrate strong leadership qualities and potential in his/her school or community;
- G. Have a high level of academic achievement, as indicated by academic grades, awards, and teacher recommendations;
- H. Demonstrate a commitment to community service and extracurricular activities;
- I. Have had little or no prior study or travel experience in the United States or elsewhere outside of their home country;
- J. Be mature, responsible, independent, confident, open-minded, tolerant, thoughtful and inquisitive; and
- K. Be willing and able to fully participate in an intensive program, community service, and active educational travel program during the exchange, as well as in follow-on activities afterward in their home countries.

**Adult participants**

Adult participants are teachers, trainers, or community leaders who work with youth. They will fill the roles of exchange participant, chaperone, and post-exchange mentor.

**Adult candidates nominated for this program will:**

- A. Be teachers, trainers, volunteers, or community leaders who work with youth;
- B. Be proficient in English (even for those participating in the Francophone exchange);
- C. Have a commitment to remain in teaching positions or other positions of influence on young leaders after the

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program;

D. Indicate a serious interest in learning about the United States;

E. Demonstrate an interest in developing professional skills;

F. be supportive of the teenage participants and assist them to become productive and responsible members of society;

G. Exhibit maturity and open-mindedness; and

H. Be willing and able to fully participate in an intensive program, community service, and active educational travel program during the exchange, as well as to mentor youth in their follow-on activities afterward in their home countries.

**How to Apply**

A. Adult and Youth Candidates must fill out the application found in [U.S. Embassy Khartoum Website](http://U.S.EmbassyKhartoumWebsite) and send it to [khartoumusembassy@gmail.com](mailto:khartoumusembassy@gmail.com)

B. **Application Deadline is January 4, 2017**